GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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FIRE IN LPG FILLING STATION
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major fire broke out in the LPG filling station at Shastri Nagar, Jaipur as reported in the Hindu dated 13 October, 2008 ;

(b) if so, the details of casualties and loss of properties therein ;

(c) whether the proper safety measures are not being adopted in LPG filling stations throughout the country ;

(d) if so, whether the Government has conducted inquiry into the cause of fire in the LPG filling station ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) : Yes, Sir. A fire broke out at Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC's) Auto LPG Dispensing Station (ALDS) at Subhash Nagar, Jaipur in the night of 11.10.2008.

(b) : IOC has reported that there had been three casualties and two cases of minor burn injuries. The loss of property is as under :-

(i) Total damage to the canopy structure of the retail outlet (RO) and minor damage to the showroom at the RO.

(ii) Partial damage to dispensers.

(iii) Damage to two cars and one motor bike parked in the near vicinity.

(iv) Breaking of window panes in a few houses in the vicinity of the RO.

(v) Total loss of Tank Lorry with approximately 7 Metric Tonne (MT) product.

(vi) Loss of about 2 MT LPG in the underground tank.

(c) : The design of ALDS being set up is in line with the guidelines prescribed under the Static & Mobile Pressure Vessel (SMPV) Rules and prior to construction, approval for the layout is taken from Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organisation. A licence is obtained for the ALDS prior to its commissioning and safety equipments are positioned at each ALDS as prescribed by the Oil Industry Safety Directorate Standard 210.

(d) & (e) : Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has conducted an inquiry into the cause of the accident. The detailed investigation and analysis of site and systems are being carried out by OISD.